

Claims

What is claimed is:

1 1. A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies
2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:
3 one or more users;
4 a third party web host operably coupled to the users;
5 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that
6 provide information regarding the publicly traded companies that
7 operate in the offshore drilling industry; and
8 wherein the third party host provides the information regarding the
9 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
10 industry in compliance with the Securities and Exchange
11 Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure.

1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the third party web host provides one or
2 more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry.

1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the third party web host provides one or
2 more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies
3 that operate in the offshore drilling industry.

1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the third party web host provides one or
2 more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry; and wherein
3 the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to
4 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
5 industry.

1 5. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

2 one or more publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
3 industry;
4 wherein the publicly traded companies periodically provide updated
5 information to the third-party web host.

1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the information is selected from the group
2 consisting of:

3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the publicly
4 traded companies;
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
6 publicly traded companies;
7 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;
8 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded companies;
10 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;
11 historical graphs of the price of oil;
12 historical graphs of the price of gas;
13 historical graphs of the OSX;
14 company news for the publicly traded companies;
15 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained within
16 the company news archives of the web host;
17 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;
18 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained within
19 the industry news archives of the web host;
20 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;
21 commentary on the offshore drilling industry; and
22 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded
23 companies.

1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits a user to request
2 information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the information is selected from the group
2 consisting of:

3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the selected
4 publicly traded company;

5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
6 selected publicly traded company;

7 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;

8 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded company;

9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded
10 company;

11 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded company;

12 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded
13 company;

14 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;

15 company news for the selected publicly traded company;

16 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly
17 traded company;

18 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;

19 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly
20 traded company;

21 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;

22 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;

23 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded company;

24 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;

25 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;

26 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly traded
 27 company;
 28 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;
 29 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;
 30 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded
 31 company;
 32 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly-traded company;
 33 and
 34 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly traded
 35 company.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits the users to sign up
 2 for e-mail alerts that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly
 3 traded companies.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits the users to access
 2 the website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies.

1 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the web host permits the users to access
 2 a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded
 3 company.

1 12. A method of providing information regarding publicly traded companies
 2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:
 3 providing a third party web site that comprises one or more web pages
 4 that permit users of the web site to obtain information regarding the
 5 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
 6 industry;

7 wherein the information is provided in compliance with the Securities and
8 Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted
3 to the offshore drilling industry.

1 14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted
3 to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the
4 offshore drilling industry.

1 15. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted
3 to the offshore drilling industry; and
4 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted
5 to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the
6 offshore drilling industry.

1 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information
3 to the third-party web site.

1 17. The method of claim 12, wherein the information is selected from the
2 group consisting of:
3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the publicly
4 traded companies;
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
6 publicly traded companies;

7 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;
 8 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;
 9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded companies;
 10 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;
 11 historical graphs of the price of oil;
 12 historical graphs of the price of gas;
 13 historical graphs of the OSX;
 14 company news for the publicly traded companies;
 15 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained within
 16 the company news archives of the web host;
 17 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;
 18 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained within
 19 the industry news archives of the web host;
 20 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;
 21 commentary on the offshore drilling industry; and
 22 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded
 23 companies.

1 18. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
 2 permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected
 3 one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the information is selected from the
 2 group consisting of:
 3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the selected
 4 publicly traded company;
 5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
 6 selected publicly traded company;
 7 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;

8 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded company;
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded
10 company;
11 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded company;
12 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded
13 company;
14 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;
15 company news for the selected publicly traded company;
16 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly
17 traded company;
18 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;
19 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly
20 traded company;
21 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;
22 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;
23 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded company;
24 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;
25 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;
26 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly traded
27 company;
28 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;
29 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;
30 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded
31 company;
32 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded company;
33 and
34 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly traded
35 company.

- 1 20. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 permitting one or more of the users to sign up for e-mail alerts on the
3 website that provide information regarding a selected one of the
4 publicly traded companies.
- 1 21. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of
3 the publicly traded companies using the website.
- 1 22. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a
3 selected one of the publicly traded company using the website.
- 1 23. A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies
2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:
3 means for providing one or more web pages that permit users of a third
4 party web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded
5 companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on a third
6 party website in compliance with Securities and Exchange
7 Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure; and
8 means for permitting users to access the third party website.
- 1 24. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the
3 offshore drilling industry on the third party website.
- 1 25. The system of claim 23, further comprising:

2 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to
3 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the
4 offshore drilling industry on the third party website.

1 26. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the
3 offshore drilling industry on the third party website; and
4 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to
5 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the
6 offshore drilling industry on the third party website.

1 27. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated
3 information to the third-party web host.

1 28. The system of claim 23, wherein the information is selected from the
2 group consisting of:
3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the publicly
4 traded companies;
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
6 publicly traded companies;
7 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;
8 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded companies;
10 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;
11 historical graphs of the price of oil;
12 historical graphs of the price of gas;
13 historical graphs of the OSX;
14 company news for the publicly traded companies;

15 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained within
16 the company news archives of the web host;
17 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;
18 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained within
19 the industry news archives of the web host;
20 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;
21 commentary on the offshore drilling industry; and
22 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded
23 companies.

1 29. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for permitting one or more of the users to request information for a
3 selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party
4 web site.

1 30. The system of claim 29, wherein the information is selected from the
2 group consisting of:
3 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the selected
4 publicly traded company;
5 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
6 selected publicly traded company;
7 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;
8 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded company;
9 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded
10 company;
11 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded company;
12 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded
13 company;
14 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;

15 company news for the selected publicly traded company;
16 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly
17 traded company;
18 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;
19 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly
20 traded company;
21 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;
22 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;
23 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded company;
24 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;
25 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;
26 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly traded
27 company;
28 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;
29 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;
30 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded
31 company;
32 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded company;
33 and
34 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly traded
35 company.

1 31. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for permitting the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide
3 information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded
4 companies using the third party web site.

1 32. The method of claim 23, further comprising:

2 means for permitting the users to access the company website for a
3 selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party
4 web site.

1 33. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for permitting the users to access a live webcast of information
3 regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the
4 third party web site.

1 34. A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies
2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:
3 one or more users;
4 one or more publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
5 industry; and
6 a third party web host operably coupled to the users and the publicly
7 traded companies;
8 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that
9 provide information regarding the publicly traded companies that
10 operate in the offshore drilling industry;
11 wherein the third party host provides the information regarding the
12 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
13 industry in compliance with the Securities and Exchange
14 Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure;
15 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are
16 devoted to the offshore drilling industry;
17 wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are
18 devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate
19 in the offshore drilling industry;

20 wherein the publicly traded companies periodically provide updated
21 information to the third-party web host;

22 wherein the web host permits the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that
23 provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded
24 companies;

25 wherein the web host permits the users to access the website for a
26 selected one of the publicly traded companies;

27 wherein the web host permits the users to access a live webcast of
28 information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded
29 company;

30 wherein the web host permits a user to request information for a selected
31 one of the publicly traded companies; and

32 wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:

33 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the
34 publicly traded companies;

35 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
36 publicly traded companies;

37 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;

38 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;

39 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded
40 companies;

41 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;

42 historical graphs of the price of oil;

43 historical graphs of the price of gas;

44 historical graphs of the OSX;

45 company news for the publicly traded companies;

46 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained
47 within the company news archives of the web host;

48 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;

49 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained
50 within the industry news archives of the web host;
51 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;
52 commentary on the offshore drilling industry;
53 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded
54 companies;
55 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the
56 selected publicly traded company;
57 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
58 selected publicly traded company;
59 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;
60 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded
61 company;
62 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded
63 company;
64 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded
65 company;
66 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded
67 company;
68 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;
69 company news for the selected publicly traded company;
70 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly
71 traded company;
72 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;
73 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected
74 publicly traded company;
75 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;
76 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;

77 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded
 78 company;
 79 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;
 80 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;
 81 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly
 82 traded company;
 83 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;
 84 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;
 85 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded
 86 company;
 87 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded
 88 company; and
 89 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly
 90 traded company.

1 35. A method of providing information regarding publicly traded companies
 2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:
 3 providing a third party web site that comprises one or more web pages
 4 that permit users of the web site to obtain information regarding the
 5 publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling
 6 industry;
 7 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted
 8 to the offshore drilling industry;
 9 the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted
 10 to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the
 11 offshore drilling industry;
 12 the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information
 13 to the third-party web site;

14 permitting one or more of the users to sign up for e-mail alerts on the
15 website that provide information regarding a selected one of the
16 publicly traded companies;
17 permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of
18 the publicly traded companies using the website;
19 permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a
20 selected one of the publicly traded company using the website; and
21 permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected
22 one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site;
23 wherein the information is provided in compliance with the Securities and
24 Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure; and
25 wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:
26 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the
27 publicly traded companies;
28 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
29 publicly traded companies;
30 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;
31 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;
32 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded
33 companies;
34 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;
35 historical graphs of the price of oil;
36 historical graphs of the price of gas;
37 historical graphs of the OSX;
38 company news for the publicly traded companies;
39 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained
40 within the company news archives of the web host;
41 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;

42 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained
43 within the industry news archives of the web host;
44 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;
45 commentary on the offshore drilling industry;
46 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded
47 companies;
48 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the
49 selected publicly traded company;
50 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
51 selected publicly traded company;
52 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;
53 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded
54 company;
55 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded
56 company;
57 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded
58 company;
59 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded
60 company;
61 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;
62 company news for the selected publicly traded company;
63 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly
64 traded company;
65 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;
66 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected
67 publicly traded company;
68 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;
69 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;

70 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded
 71 company;
 72 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;
 73 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;
 74 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly
 75 traded company;
 76 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;
 77 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;
 78 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded
 79 company;
 80 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded
 81 company; and
 82 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly
 83 traded company.

1 36. A system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies
 2 that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:
 3 means for providing one or more web pages that permit users of a third
 4 party web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded
 5 companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on a third
 6 party website;
 7 means for permitting users to access the third party website;
 8 means for updating the information provided on the third party website;
 9 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the
 10 offshore drilling industry on the third party website;
 11 means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to
 12 corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the
 13 offshore drilling industry on the third party website;

14 means for the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated
 15 information to the third-party web host;
 16 means for permitting the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide
 17 information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded
 18 companies using the third party web site;
 19 means for permitting the users to access the company website for a
 20 selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party
 21 web site;
 22 means for permitting the users to access a live webcast of information
 23 regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the
 24 third party web site; and
 25 means for permitting one or more of the users to request information for a
 26 selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party
 27 web site;
 28 wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:
 29 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the
 30 publicly traded companies;
 31 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
 32 publicly traded companies;
 33 recent earnings releases for the publicly traded companies;
 34 transcripts of conference calls with the publicly traded companies;
 35 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the publicly traded
 36 companies;
 37 transcripts of press conferences for the publicly traded companies;
 38 historical graphs of the price of oil;
 39 historical graphs of the price of gas;
 40 historical graphs of the OSX;
 41 company news for the publicly traded companies;

42 the results of a user defined search of all company news contained
43 within the company news archives of the web host;
44 industry news for the offshore drilling industry;
45 the results of a user defined search of all industry news contained
46 within the industry news archives of the web host;
47 drilling fleet projections for the publicly traded companies;
48 commentary on the offshore drilling industry;
49 comparative graphical information regarding the publicly traded
50 companies;
51 Securities and Exchange Commission rulings related to the
52 selected publicly traded company;
53 a calendar of upcoming fair disclosure information releases for the
54 selected publicly traded company;
55 recent earnings releases for the selected publicly traded company;
56 transcripts of conference calls with the selected publicly traded
57 company;
58 transcripts of shareholder meetings for the selected publicly traded
59 company;
60 transcripts of press conferences for the selected publicly traded
61 company;
62 a historical graph of the stock price of the selected publicly traded
63 company;
64 a display of the selected publicly trade company's stock price;
65 company news for the selected publicly traded company;
66 a user defined search of all company news for the selected publicly
67 traded company;
68 the fleet contract status for the selected publicly traded company;
69 Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected
70 publicly traded company;

71 model earnings for the selected publicly traded company;
72 the rig mobilizations for the selected publicly traded company;
73 the rig downtime and accidents for the selected publicly traded
74 company;
75 the rig survey schedule for the selected publicly traded company;
76 the turnkey completions for the selected publicly traded company;
77 the non-executive personnel changes at the selected publicly
78 traded company;
79 equipment upgrades for the selected publicly traded company;
80 earnings guidance for the selected publicly traded company;
81 detailed profit and loss information for the selected publicly traded
82 company;
83 updates on related businesses for the selected publicly traded
84 company; and
85 cold stacking and reactivation information for the selected publicly
86 traded company.